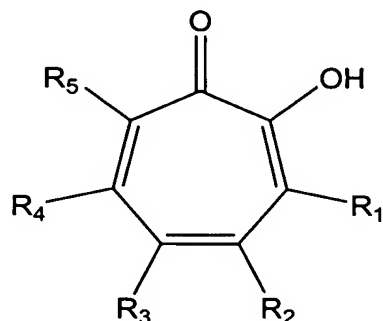


IN THE CLAIMS:

Claim 1 (currently amended): An oral care composition comprising:

(a) an oral care effective amount of at least one compound of Formula (I)



wherein R_1 , R_2 , R_3 , R_4 , and R_5 are each independently selected from the group consisting of hydrogen, hydroxy, an alkyl group, a hydroxyalkyl group, an alkoxyalkyl group, an alkylene group, an alkenylene group, an alkaryl group, an alkycycloalkyl group, an alkoxy group, an alkenyl group, an alkynyl group, an aryl group, a cycloalkyl group, a cycloalkenyl group, an aliphatic group optionally substituted with 1 to 3 halogens, an aromatic group optionally substituted with 1 to 3 halogens, and a carbonyl group with the proviso that when each of R^1 and $R^3 - R^5$ is hydrogen, then R^2 is not isopropyl, and pharmaceutically acceptable salts thereof;

(b) at least one essential oil; and

(c) a pharmaceutically acceptable oral carrier.

Claim 2 (currently amended) The ~~compound~~ oral care composition of claim 1 wherein the alkyl group has 1 to 6 carbon atoms, the hydroxyalkyl group has 1 to 6 carbon atoms and the alkoxy portion and the alkyl portion of the alkoxyalkyl group each have 1 to 6 carbon atoms.

Claim 3 (original): The oral care composition of claim 1 wherein the oral effective amount of the compound of Formula (I) is from about 0.001% to 10% by weight based on the total weight of the oral care composition.

Claim 4 (original): The oral care composition of claim 3 wherein the oral effective amount of the compound of Formula (I) is from about 0.01% to 5.0% by weight.

Claim 5 (original): The oral care composition of claim 4 wherein the oral effective amount of the compound of Formula (I) is from about 0.1% to 2.0% by weight.

Claim 6 (original): The oral care composition of claim 1 wherein the at least one essential oil selected from the group consisting of thymol, menthol, methyl salicylate (wintergreen oil), eucalyptol, carvacrol, camphor, anethole, carvone, eugenol, isoeugenol, limonene, osimen, n-decyl alcohol, citronel, a-salpineol, methyl acetate, citronellyl acetate, methyl eugenol, cineol, linalool, ethyl linalool, safrol, vanillin, spearmint oil, peppermint oil, lemon oil, orange oil, sage oil, rosemary oil, cinnamon oil, pimento oil, laurel oil, cedar leaf oil, geraniol, verbenone, anise oil, bay

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oil, benzaldehyde, bergamot oil, bitter almond, chlorothymol, cinnamic aldehyde, citronella oil, clove oil, coal tar, eucalyptus oil, guaiacol, lavender oil, mustard oil, phenol, phenyl salicylate, pine oil, pine needle oil, sassafras oil, spike lavender oil, storax, thyme oil, tolu balsam, turpentine oil, clove oil and combinations thereof.

Claim 7 (original): The oral care composition of claim 6 wherein the at least one essential oil selected from the group consisting of thymol, eucalyptol, menthol, and methyl salicylate.

Claim 8 (original): The oral care composition of claim 7 wherein the oral care effective amount of thymol is from about 0.001% to 2.0% by weight based on the total weight of the oral care composition.

Claim 9 (original): The oral care composition of claim 8 wherein the oral care effective amount of thymol is from about 0.01% to 0.6% by weight.

Claim 10 (original): The oral care compositions of claim 9 wherein the oral care effective amount of thymol is from about 0.02% to 0.5% by weight.

Claim 11 (original): The oral care composition of claim 7 wherein the oral care effective amount of eucalyptol is from about 0.001% to 2.0% by weight based on the total weight of the oral care composition.

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Claim 12 (original): The oral care composition of claim 11 wherein the oral care effective amount of eucalyptol is from about 0.005% to 0.5% by weight.

Claim 13 (original): The oral care composition of claim 12 wherein the oral care effective amount of eucalyptol is from about 0.007% to 0.4% by weight.

Claim 14 (original): The oral care composition of claim 7 wherein the oral care effective amount of methyl salicylate is from about 0.001% to 2.0% by weight based on the total weight of the oral care composition.

Claim 15 (original): The oral care composition of claim 14 wherein the oral care effective amount of methyl salicylate is from about 0.004% to 0.6% by weight.

Claim 16 (original): The oral care composition of claim 15 wherein the oral care effective amount of methyl salicylate is from about 0.01% to 0.6% by weight.

Claim 17 (original): The oral care composition of claim 7 wherein the oral care effective amount of menthol is from about 0.001% to 2.0% by weight based on the total weight of the oral care composition.

Claim 18 (original): The oral care composition of claim 17 wherein the oral care effective amount of menthol is from about 0.01% to 0.7% by weight.

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Claim 19 (original): The oral care composition of claim 18 wherein the oral care effective amount of menthol is from about 0.01% to 0.6% by weight.

Claim 20 (cancelled).

Claim 21 (original): The composition of claim 1 wherein the oral care effective amount of at least one essential oil is from about 0.001% to 8.0% by weight based on the total weight of the oral care composition.

Claim 22 (original): The composition of claim 7 wherein the oral care effective amount of the at least one essential oil comprises 0.064% by weight of thymol, 0.092% by weight of eucalyptol, 0.060% by weight of methyl salicylate, and 0.042% by weight of menthol, each based on the total weight of the oral care composition.

Claim 23 (original): The composition of claim 1 further comprising an alcohol in an amount of from about 0.01% to 70% by weight based on the total weight of the oral care composition.

Claim 24 (original): The composition of claim 23 wherein the amount of alcohol is from about 0.1% to 30% by weight.

Claim 25 (original): The composition of claim 24 wherein the alcohol is ethanol.

Claim 26 (original): The composition of claim 7 wherein the oral care effective amount of the compound of Formula (I) is from about 0.03% to 2% by weight based on the total weight of the oral care composition, and of the at least one essential oil is 0.064% by weight of thymol, 0.092% by weight of eucalyptol, 0.060% by weight of methyl salicylate, and 0.042% by weight of menthol, each based on the total weight of the oral care composition.

Claim 27 (original): The oral care composition of claim 1 wherein the amount of the at least one essential oil is from about 0.001% to 8% by weight based on the total weight of the oral care composition.

Claim 28 (original): A method for treating or preventing diseases or conditions of the oral cavity in warm-blooded animals including humans, comprising applying an oral care effective amount of the composition of claim 1 to the oral cavity.

Claim 29 (amended): The method of claim ~~27~~ 28 comprising applying the composition of claim 1 in a form selected from the group consisting of toothpastes, mouthwashes, gels, tooth powders, film forming dentifrices, chewing gums, mouth sprays and lozenges.

Claim 30 (new): The method of claim 29 comprising applying the composition of claim 1 in the form of a mouthwash.

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Claim 31 (new): The oral care composition of claim 1 in a form selected from the group consisting of toothpaste, mouthwashes, gels, toothpowders, film forming dentifrices, chewing gums, mouth sprays and lozengers.

Claim 32 (new): The oral care composition of claim 31 wherein the oral care composition is in the form of a mouthwash.

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It is believed that no additional fee is due in connection with this matter. However, if any additional fee is due, it should be charged to Deposit Account No. 23-0510.

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